

REMARKS

The amendment set forth above eliminates an informality in the specification. Claims 1-17 remain in this application.

Applicant's representative wishes to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview conducted on July 25, 2003. A record of the substance of the interview is included in the remarks which follow.

It is again respectfully submitted that all claims in this application are patentable in their present forms over U.S. Patent 521,587 to Hirt. As noted during the interview, the spokes or arms a^4 of the car wheel forming the subject matter of the Hirt patent do not have solid cross-sections in first areas connected with the hub a and V-shaped cross-sections in second areas connected with the rim or tread a^1 as independent claim 1 particularly requires. Instead, each of the Hirt spokes or arms a^4 has a substantially uniform thickness and a V-shaped cross-section throughout its entire length, from the point of juncture with the hub a to the point of connection with the rim or tread a^1 . Attention is directed to lines 69-78 on page 1 of the Hirt patent.

In addition, as noted during the interview, the spokes or arms a^4 of the Hirt car wheel do not have thickenings as the Examiner asserts in connection with the rejection of claim 4. Reference numbers 12 and 13 designate curves, not thickenings, and, again, each of the Hirt spokes or arms a^4 has a substantially uniform thickness throughout its V-shaped cross section.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 4 are patentable in their present forms. Dependent claim 15 is patentable as well. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4, and 15 are requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions after considering this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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